Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government are not in possession of the statistics and it is not possible to collect them without much labour and time.

Suicide in the State.

59. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the rate of suicide in the State (number to every ten thousand of the population);

(2) what the economic aspect of suicide is;

(3) whether poverty, or as more common, fear of it, has not been one of the causes of suicide?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) ·375 to every ten thousand.

(2) Suicide on account of economic distress is very rare in this State.

(3) Yes; but very rarely.

Tuberculosis in the State.

60. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the statistics relating to tuberculosis (per cent of the total population, etc.) in the State and the part want and the consequent under-nourishment plays in swelling the number?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Statistics relating to Tuberculosis in the State are not available. Want and under-nourishment are contributory factors, but lack of sanitary and hygienic conditions such as residence in ill-ventilated houses, congested localities, spitting in open places, etc., are more responsible for the incidence of this disease.

Legislation against suicide.

61. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 128 of 16th December 1931, regarding incongruity in the existing legislation against suicide, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have grasped the import of the question in the interval and that they can do constructively to remove the inconsistency pleaded against?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question is not intelligible.

Application by the Azhikode Co-operative Society for loan.

62. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 172, 17th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to supply the information for which notice was requested?

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